

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S4517–S4563*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3088–3099, and S. Res. 510–512. **Pages S4550–51**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–285) **Page S4550**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Army Corps of Engineers to Hire Veterans:** Senate passed H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. **Page S4560**

**Whistleblower Protection:** Senate passed S. 795, to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4560–61**

**Khobar Towers Terrorist Bombing:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 39, honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were casualties of the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the United States Sector Khobar Towers military housing complex on Dhahran Air Base, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4561**

McConnell (for Nelson) Amendment No. 4864, to amend the preamble. **Pages S4561–62**

**National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, designating the month of June 2016 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2016, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”. **Page S4562**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and

Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4521–35**

#### **Rejected:**

McConnell (for Johnson) Amendment No. 4859 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4858), to authorize the Attorney General to delay or deny the transfer of firearms and explosives and issuance of Federal firearms and explosives licenses and permits to known or suspected terrorists. (By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 110), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4530, S4535**

#### **Withdrawn:**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations for a period of 14 days. **Page S4521, S4530**

#### **Pending:**

Shelby/Mikulski Amendment No. 4685, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4521**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 4787 (to Amendment No. 4685), to amend section 2709 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that the Government may obtain a specified set of electronic communication transactional records under that section, and to make permanent the authority for individual terrorists to be treated as agents of foreign powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. **Page S4521**

McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, McConnell (for Collins) Amendment No. 4858, to authorize the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms and explosives and Federal firearms and explosives licenses and permits to known or suspected terrorists. (By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4532–35**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 4860 (to Amendment No. 4859), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell (for Johnson) Amendment No. 4859 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4858) was tabled. **Pages S4530–32**

**Conference Reports:**

**Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S4535–36**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. **Pages S4535–36**

**Rossiter, Jr., and Martinotti Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 27, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; that there be 30 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; that there be 30 minutes for debate only on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S4560**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven Nathan Berk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

R. David Harden, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Pages S4560, S4562**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Valerie Martinez, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Thomas G. Kotarac, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2017.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S4562**

**Messages from the House:****Page S4548****Measures Placed on the Calendar:****Pages S4518, S4548****Enrolled Bills Presented:****Page S4548****Executive Communications:****Pages S4548–50****Petitions and Memorials:****Page S4550****Executive Reports of Committees:****Page S4550****Additional Cosponsors:****Pages S4551–52****Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Pages S4552–54****Additional Statements:****Pages S4547–48****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S4554–59****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S4559–60****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S4560**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—110) **Page S4535**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4562.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BANK CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY REGULATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine bank capital and liquidity regulation, focusing on industry perspectives, including S. 927, to provide regulatory relief for certain financial institutions, S. 1816, to provide relief to community banks, to promote access to capital for community banks, and H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, after receiving testimony from Rebeca Romero Rainey, Centinel Bank of Taos, Taos, New Mexico, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America;